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SYNERGISING THE OPERATIONS OF BSNL AND MTNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has appointed any advisor for synergizing the operations of the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL);

(b) if so, whether any advise has been given by the advisor in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action initiated by the Government on the recommendations;

(d) if not, the reasons for delay in submitting the report by the advisor; and

(e) the time by which the report is likely to be submitted to the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The consultants appointed by the Government have given some options for restructuring MTNL and BSNL. Several complex issues relating to HR, differential wage structure in the two PSUs, stamp duty implications etc. are involved in restructuring process. The Government will finalize its views only after making careful analysis of the costs involved vis-Ã -vis benefits of different alternatives.

(d) & (e) Do not arise in view of (b) above.